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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Residents and friends of
Broadmead,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Editor of the Voice of the Residents. All of us were saddened by the death of Leopold Bridge in June and then were immediately faced with the need for an editor. Fortunately, the Voice has a talented, experienced staff to carry on as well as important non-staff contributors.

When asked by Residents Association President Kathaleen Kennedy to accept the appointment as editor, I reacted initially with reluctance. My first response was, "I am not a writer." (My father was the writer in our family, a talent he failed to pass on to me!) Reluctance was modified by optimism as colleagues emphasized that the job of the editor is to get the paper out every month. This I could view with some confidence since for my eight years at Broadmead I had been a Voice staff member and had been associated with every aspect of its production, from working at the mimeograph machine with David McIntyre to editing copy as an assistant editor to Draza Kline. This experience was followed by regular meetings with Leo Bridge to help with the layout.

When transferring the editorship to Draza, in 1982, Jim Fleming, founding editor, generously spent several sessions instructing us in technicalities and discussing the philosophy and policies he and the staff had developed in his stewardship. Jim's high standards and sense of human values became an integral, ongoing part of the Voice.

Life before Broadmead included growing up in Baltimore, studying at Friends School, Oberlin College, and the University of Chicago's school of social work. Subsequently, in Chicago for 25 years, my work concentrated on the psychological treatment of children in residential facilities, participation in the training of child therapists, and collaboration in the preparation of materials for publication in professional journals. I concluded my professional career in Florida, consulting for the state's children's services and enjoying the casual life of north Florida beaches.

I now look ahead with enthusiasm to working with the Voice staff. Residents' comments, suggestions, and contributions to the news will always be warmly welcomed.

- Helen-Mary Overstreet



REDWOOD ON OUR DOORSTEP

Have you dreamed of going to California and seeing the redwoods? Well, you need not go to California - just walk to Cluster Q and look between the patio of Q-13 and the carport; you will see a Metasequoia Glyptostroboides, a Dawn Redwood. This beautiful specimen was planted in the spring of 1980 and is now about 40 feet tall. It will retain its graceful green needles until fall when it will turn a beautiful golden tone. DO COME AND SEE THIS SUPER GREAT TREE!

- Mary Louise Hibline

BROADMEAD WELCOMES

JAMES (Jim) and ETHEL (Wennagel)
BIDDISON - J-7 527-0654, July '90

Both the Biddisons are Baltimoreans - she a Goucher graduate and he a lawyer from the University of Baltimore. Jim spent much of his business career as General Council for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and belongs to several law clubs in which he expects to remain active. He is presently Chairman of the Memorial Committee of the Bar Association. After her Goucher graduation and a business course at Stayer's, Ethel was employed in administration at Goucher including serving as secretary to the President of the College. She is currently an active member of the Board of Managers of the Presbyterian Home in Towson and expects to continue her volunteer work there. The Biddisons have one son, Dr. James Biddison, who has been chief of cardiology at G.B.M.C. for 5 years and who has probably had contacts with many Broadmead Residents during that time. He is now returning to private practice. He and his wife, both accomplished Peabody musicians, have three teenagers: two sons and a daughter.

Ethel is interested in needle work so may join the Sew and So group and Touch Toys. Jim plans to restore his patio garden. We welcome them.

- Betsy Griffin

Purposes and Policies
of the Voice were updated in a staff meeting July 5, 1990. The brief statement has been filed in the Residents Association Office and is available for reading by Residents.

LEONARD and MARGARET (Peggy Carter)
KENNEDY - B-2 -527-1835, July '90

The Kennedys come to Broadmead from nearby Ruxton. Leonard was born in London, attended the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, then by way of Ireland and Canada came to Baltimore to serve as Vice-President of the Cross and Blackwell Company. It was here that he met and married Peggy Carter, a Baltimore girl who had attended the Friends and Bryn Mawr Schools and the Ogontz School in Pennsylvania. The Kennedys lived in Ruxton for 40 years raising two daughters there, one of whom still lives in the area and the other in New Jersey. They have three grandchildren.

Leonard is a fly-fisherman and hopes to return to that pastime when he is released from Hallowell after a painful bout with arthritis. Peggy is an accomplished needleworker as is evident from the beautiful needlepoint pieces in her home. Both the Kennedys enjoy traveling and gardening.

- Betsy Griffin

Apartment Changes

Haines Felter from B-2 to T-372
Murtha Felter from B-2 to T-362
Claire Stieff from C-8 to T-357

IN APPRECIATION

Jim Letcher, P.I.P Printing, printed the special issue of the VOICE, July 1990, free of charge as a tribute in memory of Leopold Bridge.

Thank you, Jim!

DECISION BY DECREE, VOTE,
OR CONSENSUS

(Residents often ask what is meant by the term consensus as used by the Quakers to reach decisions. Claire Walker explains. -Editor)

In trying to reach a decision on any matter of business, does a group have any alternative to taking a parliamentary vote?

Actually the familiar democratic decision by the majority is only one of three ways decisions are made in contemporary business and governance. A group of any size, from a committee to a community, may choose to reach its decisions by the will of the top official (autocratically), by majority vote (democratically), or by a process called consensus (general agreement). The last-named term can perhaps be briefly explained as the seeking and finding of common ground on which the whole group can unite.

There is an important prerequisite for any use of the consensus approach. That is a genuine desire on the members' part to resolve issues only in a manner that will be acceptable to all of them. This may be a quick process, as formalities like motions and seconds are not observed. On the other hand it may take much more time than formal voting would. As one Quaker writer has put it: "It is a longish process, but shorter than the bitterness that lives on after some of the most neatly conducted parliamentary wrangles."

When a group is determined to proceed by consensus, decision is made in stages. The first is a clear presentation of the question to be decided, its background, and options with their pros and cons. The second stage is general discussion in which participants are all free to make comments and express opinions. At the third stage the person presiding, who has been trying to get an impression of the

group feeling on the matter, tests the wording of a possible resolution. If general approbation is signaled, this resolution is recorded as the group's decision. If uneasiness or dissent is expressed, variations are suggested by those present. One of these may be greeted with general approval and be accepted as the final group decision. But if a non-voting group such as Broadmead's Board of Trustees does not reach a generally acceptable solution, the matter is laid over for further reflection and later decision.

In the ensuing interval members continue informal discussions with one another. There are some second thoughts, along with an effort to remain calm and dispassionate in maintaining a sincere respect for the points of view represented in the group. When decision is eventually reached, action can proceed without leaving a trail of resentment on the part of a defeated minority.

- Claire Walker



VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 11
WHERE AND WHEN

The primary election will be held on Tuesday, September 11. The address of the polls is on your Voter Registration Card. The Broadmead bus will take Residents to the polls. Its schedule will be posted. An official sample ballot will be posted the week before the primary election.

This election will nominate candidates from both political parties in Maryland, Baltimore County, and the U.S. House of Representatives. No U.S. Senators from Maryland are up for re-election in 1990.

If you have any questions, please place them in Box L-1 and include your telephone number.

- Jean Moser

A NEW DINING ROOM IS BORN

In the eleventh year of its existence the news began to spread: Broadmead was going to have a greatly improved Center Dining Room. Trustees and Administration shared with the Residents plans for architectural changes and new floor and window treatments to achieve functional improvements as well as enhanced appearance.

We all listened to weeks of hammering, saw doors and walls appear and disappear and wondered what "they" were doing. Our community is known for its outspokenness. In a large undertaking like this we provide at least two hundred experts willing to comment and give advice. In spite of differences of opinion on the practical and esthetic aspects of the changes, all had to agree that the work was done remarkably smoothly with a minimum of inconvenience to all Residents. A special hurrah is due the Food Service Department. Under Doug Bareis's leadership the staff remained cheerful, flexible and unflappable under many trying circumstances.

Finally the big day came: Sunday, July 1, 1990 everybody was in a festive mood; even the weather cooperated. It so happened it was also the first opportunity for our new chef, Howie Cohen, to show some of the special skills taught at the School of Culinary Arts in Baltimore. They were evident as we entered the hallway to the dining room. Hors d'oeuvres and punch were beautifully presented and much appreciated. In one corner of the dining room a harpist with her soft music provided a pleasing background to the somewhat hectic activities of serving between noon and 2 p.m. a banquet to Residents, Trustees and invited guests. It was managed in two shifts interspersed with a brief formal opening ceremony. The "new" dining room appears



larger, more airy and more elegant. The colors of rugs, furniture, supporting pillars and walls blend agreeably and the window shades protect eaters from too much glare without darkening the room. Acoustics, if not perfect, are definitely improved.

Waiters and waitresses, pleased with their new uniforms, showed considerable initiative and excellent teamwork in providing a beautifully served meal. The chef had succeeded in giving a regular Sunday dinner many touches of distinction with special little treats for the taste and the eye. The desserts were accompanied by "Quaker Champagne" embellished with one glowing little raspberry in each glass. With the last sip we found our way through the new exit opening and agreed it had been a grand day for celebrating one shining hour of Camelot.

- Alice Tobler

"SECRET" GARDEN NEEDS TLC

Hallowell Hall Courtyard is "secret" because it seems to have faded from ordinary Residents' consciousness. Ask almost any Resident, "Is the garden still as beautiful as it was last summer?"

Unless one has family on Hallowell Hall, the Resident will probably tell you, "I don't know - I never see anybody there. I never go there myself."

The garden was dedicated in May of 1989. It was the fulfillment of many peoples' dreams. Howard Ketler had his eye on that piece of sloping ground ever since the new Northwest Wing of Hallowell Hall was finished. Hallowell nursing staff wanted the area as a safe outdoor space for Hallowell Hall Residents. When the Residents Association offered Administration \$10,000 for a canopy, Administration countered with its own delightful proposal for a garden. On Howard Ketler's "sloping ground," there would be a courtyard with easy access to the outdoors for Hallowell Residents. It would be safe, with durable surface, for wheelchairs and walkers.

It would be a private, sun-protected area where all Residents - not just Hallowell and Taylor Hall people - could gather. There would be a green garden effect with plantings of shrubs and trees and hanging flower baskets. There would be raised garden beds for Hallowell Residents to garden if they wished. There would be open spaces to make possible large group activities - such as cook-outs and concerts - and, therein, there would be sheltered intimate spaces too.

In the spring of 1989, Pat Rodak wrote for the Summer Bulletin, "It is spectacular!" It made one think of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

What is the Courtyard like in the summer of 1990? Is it used? Was it worth the investment? Does it meet the hopes of the planners and builders?

Last winter, as we all know, was hard on plantings. All the plants along the building wall died and were replaced twice by Pinehurst Nurseries. The dogwood and birches have never thrived but then, they are dying all over Maryland. However, the Courtyard is used every day, Penny Pentz says. It's a blessing for Hallowell Residents and their families.

But there are empty hooks where it was hoped Residents would keep baskets of flowering plants. The raised beds are not cultivated. We need to generate a whole new gardening crew for the Courtyard, Director Rich Compton thinks. The flower committee already has its hands full as do the water pitcher people and the friendly visitors on Hallowell. It's a lovely opportunity waiting to be seized.

- Phyllis Tyler



"Tender Loving Care"

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 8, at 7:15 in the Lounge:

Pianists - The two Sadoffs

Saturday, Sept. 22, at 7:15 in the Lounge: Pianist-Mark Markham

Saturday, Sept. 29, at 7:15 in the Auditorium: "Southeastern Europe, a Layman's Point of View" - Whitty Cuninggim

THE ONLY THING CONSTANT
IN NATURE IS CHANGE



This has always been true, long before the hand of man was laid heavily upon the environment. To survive, wildlife must adapt. Here are some recent examples:

The tornado of 6/9/90 destroyed habitats, nests, and certainly some birds. But for all wildlife it was just another fact of life, for they are in constant combat with natural forces and each other.

Five bluebird fledglings, which left the safety of their nest box two days before the storm, seem to have survived. Their parents did and are raising a second brood of three.

Never before have we had more than one nesting pair of "Baltimore orioles" but this year there were three families in three sycamores by Western Run. Their strongly woven pendant nests weathered the tornado, and two clutches probably fledged before the storm; the third did not. Their tree was blown down, pitching the nestlings out. For several days the parents brought food to an empty horizontal nest.

A house wren house hanging from a pine tree which was sheered off just above it was moved to a nearby shed, but the wren didn't miss a beat of its warble, singing merrily on as it raised its family.

Deer may have found food which, previously out of reach, was suddenly laid low to within nipping range.

By thinning and pruning, the tornado opened up areas to sunlight, which promotes new growth. With the pool-springhouse-pine grove area more sunny, replanting for the future when the old trees will be gone is imperative. Otherwise, the lovely, shady "Broadmead centerpiece" could be shadeless for many years.

Less mowing and fewer wash-out floods from Western Run have allowed

the meadow grasses to mature, wild-flowers to return, thickets, shrubs and trees to flourish, creating habitats and wetlands even before human efforts begin next spring. To see or hear 26 species of birds in 45 minutes from one spot by the stream during the nesting season is evidence enough that this has become a richer area, and bears out the observation that "Birds are indicators of the quality of the environment."

For two years no kingfisher has excavated a nest hole in the stream banks because, without extreme flooding, vegetation has taken over.

Redwing blackbirds returned to find their cattail nursery removed from the pool.

Posner development destroyed the old Towson Nurseries and nesting habitats, forcing birds accustomed to nesting there to find new sites quickly; so they moved to Broadmead. That may explain our increased numbers of orioles, catbirds and scarlet tanagers and the unusual nesting of indigo buntings, yellowthroats, and yellow-throated vireos.

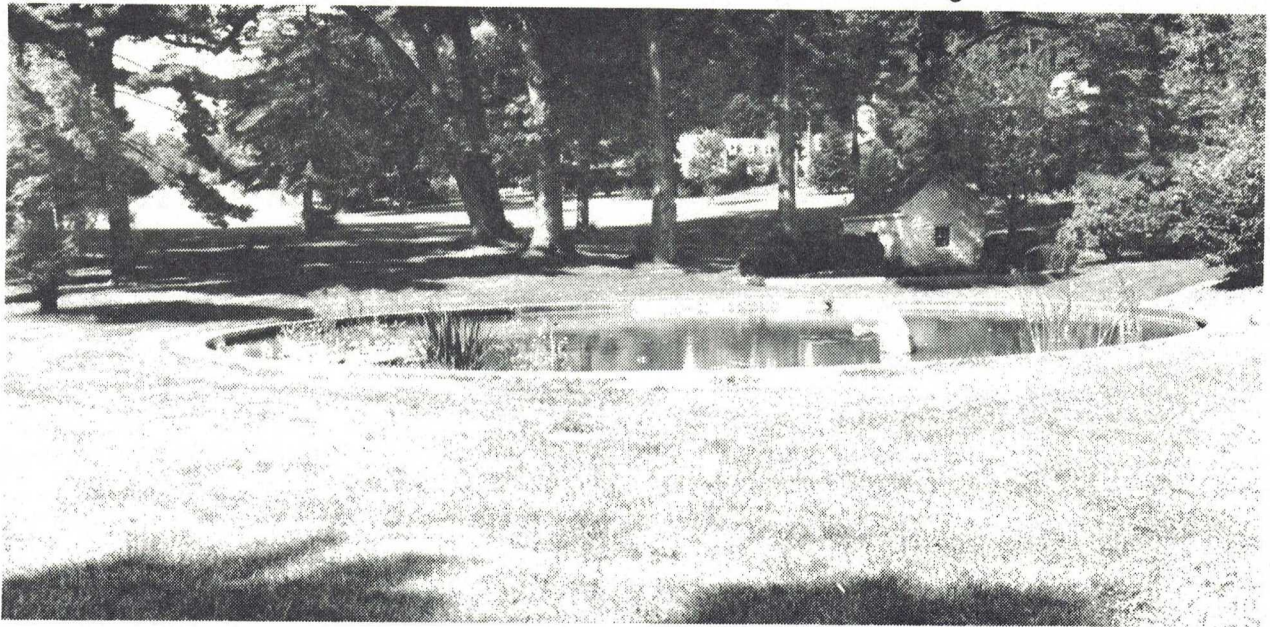
Will they return to nest here again? They may, if they "liked" their Broadmead sites and if we retain and create desirable habitats. But only time will tell whether our "green island" amid industrialization and development will be an inviting, adequate oasis. We lost some species as construction displaced open lands around us. It could happen again.

- Nancy Rowe

AFTER THE TORNADO

It was warmly reassuring to see Rich (our Director) and Howard (our Director of Maintenance) working on the Perimeter Road by twilight clearing the fallen trees, making it safe for Residents to move about.

Before and after the Broodmead Storm - June 9, 1990



The Pond at the Top as taken by Lehman Guyton in 1989
 The above taken by Lewis Jacobs - Florence Horney's nephew
 June 10-90. What tree is Amos standing by? He says the 3rd
 tree at the left of the Spring House. (Processing AHH)
 Range

Amos Horney

SPEAKER THINKS SADDAM AND BUSH BOTH MISCALCULATED

On August 16, at a very tense moment in the Middle East crisis, Broadmeaders heard an analysis of the whole situation by Emile Nakhleh, a Palestinian-American. He was born and brought up near Nazareth, came to this country 30 years ago, is the author of nine books on the Middle East and for many years has been Chairman of the Department of Government and International Relations at Mount St. Mary's College.

Some of his chief points were:

...Kuwait was once part of Iraq, which makes the invasion more understandable.

...Saddam Hussein badly underestimated the speed and strength of the Western reaction to his invasion. His military strength, though considerable, is no match for that of the U.S.

...He then offered his old enemy, Iran, everything it wanted and thereby established a working partnership with common goals that include the fixing of high oil prices and pushing the West out of the Middle East.

...Hardly any well-informed observers think he had, or has now, any intention to invade Saudi Arabia. It would be suicidal and he doesn't need to; he already can intimidate all of the fragile, family-ruled Gulf states, including Saudi Arabia.

...Arabs "love America" but are consistently against its policies - most of all, what they perceive to be our role in the "implanting" of Israel in their midst, and our apparent support of Israel's occupation policies.

...The Saudi people feel detached from their government. They feel that America is for their government but not for them.

...President Bush is intensely, personally angry at Saddam Hussein because Saddam lied to him about having no intention to invade Kuwait.

...President Bush's strong rhetoric has pushed him into a corner. It would be hard now for him to compromise.

...Article 41 of the U.N. Charter approves economic sanctions against an aggressor. Article 42 says that if they fail the Security Council may impose military sanctions. The Security Council has not yet done so, and France, the Soviet Union and China seem to be against military sanctions. In that way the U.S. is in danger of standing alone.

- Ralph White

DISCUSSION GROUP PLANS

Last year most of the Discussion Group's topics were international. This year, starting in September, they will be mainly on domestic American affairs.

After a summary and discussion of the summer's events, on September 11, it is expected that there will be two series of programs, one on national and state environmental problems, with Mal Gross more or less in charge (Mal is now co-chair of the Steering Committee, with Bob Sparks), and one on "America's Children," with Whitty Cuninggim more or less in charge. Whitty and Mac McCartney are new members of the Steering Committee.

- Ralph White

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: <u>September 14</u>

INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE NEW AGE

The New Age study group at Broadmead will complete its tenth year in December. In these 10 years not only has Broadmead become an established community but also significant other developments in the world around us have affected everyone's thinking.

There have been troubling new concerns such as environmental deterioration, governmental top-heaviness and ineptitude, problems of addiction, bitter single-issue controversies, and a general moral instability.

At the same time several positive insights have pointed in very different directions. Exploring these in our study group we have been introduced to some implications of the new science, to deeper meanings in religion, to an incredible range of human potentialities being discovered or extended, and, perhaps richest of all, a growing awareness of power of our own creativity. While experiencing together a leisurely but eye-opening education, we have also come to some new appreciations, had some fun, and enjoyed the satisfaction of making a modest contribution to the Broadmead community.

For our new season, beginning September 17, we will be starting a new book. All Residents are welcome as core members, visitors, or sojourners for a given series. If you are interested, we would like to have you with us. September is a good month to join for the fall series, as we resume meeting after a six-week recess. Our year is divided into segments, each focusing on a topic chosen by the group. Our fall discussions will be based on THE WHOLENESS PRINCIPLE, a new book by Anna Lemkow who served as an economist in the United Nations for 30 years, and has been a long-time student of the new holistic philosophy.

This book brings together and at the same time reviews some of our group themes of the last 10 years and is an ideal introduction for new members. It can be ordered at our special price of \$9.00.

- Claire Walker



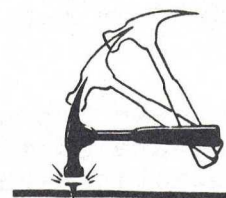
THE WOOD SHOP WORKS

During the last year the Wood Shop workers completed 248 projects which included repairing, refinishing, and reupholstering furniture, making book shelves and cabinets, and rewiring and repairing lamps. Of these projects, 207 were for Residents, 14 for the Association (primarily Barn Sale) and 27 for the Administration.

Of 19 workers, 13 have been active. Denny Phillips was the top achiever with 62 projects; George Anderson was next with 56 and Lloyd Tyler was a very close third with 55 projects.

The Wood Shop workers were pleased to contribute \$1,500 to the Residents Association during the last year. Franc Beck, George Anderson and Max Sauerwein will continue as chairman, vice chairman and treasurer respectively for the Wood Shop workers for the current year.

- Franc Beck



PRECYCLING - WHAT IS IT?
GETTING THE JUMP ON RECYCLING

Broadmead Residents are obviously very interested in recycling as shown by the 100% participation in the trial program for glass recycling in Cluster B. The Administration has shown its interest in recycling by buying recycled computer and photocopy paper and may soon start saving their used office paper for recycling. Are there additional steps Residents can take as individuals before recycling programs for the whole community are started (besides saving water and electricity in our homes)?

The Environmental Defense Fund suggests "precycling" as something we can all do. To precycle is to make choices that support responsible products and packaging, make recycling easier, and reduce the amount of garbage thrown away.

The following are some of their suggestions:

1. One of the easiest things to do is to supply your own carrying bags when you go shopping. If you don't have your own string or canvas bag when you go to the grocery, take back the plastic bags you got on your last shopping trip. The plastic bags will last for many trips and they take up practically no storage space between trips.
2. Avoid excess packaging. Avoid "single-helping" packages. Be wary of convenience gimmickry (e.g., pre-measured ground coffee in individually-sealed filter packs, etc.).
3. Buy recycled paper packaging. Pass up plastic cartons and choose cardboard ones. Rule of thumb: if the unprinted side is grey and not white, it's made from recycled material.
4. Avoid throw-away products. These are single-use or limited-use items such as plastic razors, throw-away cleansing pads and cigarette

lighters, foil baking pans.

5. Think recycling. Choose the container that can most easily be recycled. Until Maryland passes a bottle bill, that means glass or aluminum at least until a plastic recycling plant in this area is a reality.

6. Watch the words. Advertisers have worked overtime to translate consumers' environmental sympathies into increased sales for their product. Beware of the word "recyclable," which is not the same as "recycled."

By careful precycling each of us makes the vital connection between today's consumerism and tomorrow's environment. Small changes in everyday behavior can have positive consequences for generations to come.

- Lloyd Tyler



HOBBY SHOW

Having missed three out of four years, the Hobby Show this year should be bigger and better. With many new Residents to bring their skills and hobbies along with our past exhibitors, this show should top all past shows.

This notice is to alert you so you can finish that needle point or assemble your hobby materials and be ready when the time arrives. Put this date down: Jan. 19, 1991. You will be informed later via the Voice regarding instructions and details.

1991 HOBBY SHOW COMMITTEE
Betsy Griffin
George Anderson
Gertrude Black
Sam Hoover, Chairman

JOEL WIZANSKY, PIANO

Joel Wizansky, rated high among the rising young piano virtuosos, is especially well known in the Baltimore-Washington area. His increasing credits include recognition in the prestigious Margurite Long International Piano Competition and first prize in the Yale Gordon Concerto Competition. Since his last Broadmead appearance one year ago he has completed his studies with Leon Fleisher at the Peabody Conservatory and is presently a faculty member of the Peabody Preparatory Department and an associate member of the Peabody Conservatory.

Mr. Wizansky demonstrated his keyboard wizardry in a one-hour concert on May 27th. The program opened with a short, charming baroque sonata by Antonio Soler and concluded with a Chopin group.

The two middle numbers were a two-movement sonata by Haydn and Albeniz's El Albaicin from "Iberia." In the first movement of the Haydn - con espressione - he showed an emotional involvement that evoked the poignant quality of this slow movement. The Presto conclusion and the Spanish rhythms of the Albeniz challenged the technical adroitness of this talented musician.

We shall follow Joel Wizansky's career with interest and look forward to his third year performance at Broadmead in 1991.

AMY LIN, PIANO

On June 30, 1990 Amy Lin joined the increasing list of young musicians who have entertained Broadmead more than once. Again, she evoked enthusiasm from her audience.

The feature of the concert was the playing of 20 of the 24 Chopin

Preludes. These short works portray a wide variety of moods from the brooding and somber to the lively and cheerful, surely a challenge to the performer. They certainly represent the Polish-French origins of the composer, encompassing the "ethereal delicacy of the French" and the "pathos and intensity of the Polish." Ms. Lin transmitted the emotional message of each composition with considerable skill. Where Presto agitato required a demonstration of virtuosity, the young artist's performance sparkled. Delightful, as always, was the opening Mozart, Sonata in B-flat, K570.

We hope Amy Lin will return and treat us to the other 4 Chopin Preludes!

- B-flat

IN MEMORIAM

MAY 1990

Edith L. Dowling
July 15, 1905 May 8, 1990

JUNE 1990

Leopold Bridge
December 3, 1909 June 7, 1990

JULY 1990

LaVerne Hill Forbush
October 26, 1894 July 19, 1990

Mary von W. Gontrum
July 26, 1891 July 26, 1990

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G. James Fleming
February 15, 1904 - August 1, 1990

Stevenson W. Webster
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